



Royal leadership thanked by HRH Princess Sabeeka

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, received cables of thanks from Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Wife of HM the King and President of the Supreme Council for Women (SCW), in response to their congratulations on the 23rd anniversary of the establishment of the SCW, coinciding with the Kingdom's celebrations of the silver jubilee of His Majesty's accession to the throne.

HRH Princess Sabeeka expressed her gratitude for the unwavering support of HM the King, which has been instrumental in the Council's mission.

HM King Hamad, HRH Prince Salman condole with Saudi

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, sent cables of condolences to King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, following the passing of Her Royal Highness Princess Nouf bint Nasser bin Abdulaziz Al Saud.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister sent a similar cable to His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Saudi Arabia.

Bahrain greets Moroccan Monarch

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, congratulated His Majesty King Mohammed VI of Morocco, on the anniversary of the King and People's Revolution Day of Morocco.

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Medals of glory

Cabinet commends Bahrain Olympic team's historic achievements in Paris



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister chairs the weekly Cabinet meeting

Praise for King Hamad Award for Peaceful Coexistence

HRH Princess Sabeeka's key role in empowering Bahraini women is highlighted

Kingdom's call to ease global and regional tension, conflict affirmed

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The Cabinet praised Bahrain's historic achievements at the Paris 2024 Olympics, where the Kingdom secured four medals – two gold, one silver, and one bronze.

This success underscores Bahrain's growing prominence in the global sports arena.

Bahrain's Olympic medal winners included Winfred Mutile Yavi, Akhmed Tazhudinov, Salwa Eid Naser, and Gor Tigran Minasyan received a hero's welcome from the adoring crowd.

The Cabinet extended congratulations to all supporters from Bahrain and the broader Arab world, acknowledging their role in the team's success.

This recognition highlights the increasing impact of Arab athletes on the global stage and reaffirms Bahrain's commitment to advancing its international sports profile.

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday chaired the weekly Cabinet meeting at Gudaibiya Palace.

Coexistence and openness

The Cabinet highlighted His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's commitment to promoting the values of coexistence and openness to all cultures and religions, which are fundamental to the Kingdom's identity.

It welcomed and commended the Royal Order issued by HM the King, establishing the King Hamad Award for Peaceful Coexistence, which is in line with the Kingdom's vision of enhancing global peace and coexistence



and promoting dialogue and coexistence among civilisations.

The Cabinet expressed its congratulations on the 23rd anniversary of the Supreme Council for Women (SCW).

In this regard, the Cabinet noted the role of Consort of His Majesty the King and President of SCW, Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, in enhancing women's empowerment furthering the accomplishments of Bahraini women.

In light of the report submitted by the Minister of Health on the cochlear implant programme at the Salmaniya Medical Complex, the Cabinet followed up on the HRH Prince Salman's directives for the swift completion of cochlear implant surgeries for those on the wait-

ing list for the surgery.

The report outlined the support provided by the concerned authorities in implementing these directives, as well as details on the swift completion of the directives during August 2024 - a move that furthers healthcare services for citizens.

His Royal Highness directed all ministries and government authorities to facilitate the procedures for issuing licenses, including the development of regulations that simplify and reduce the steps of issuance, to enhance the Kingdom's investment environment and development to benefit the citizens.

The Cabinet affirmed the Kingdom's support to all regional and international efforts to consolidate global security and peace, avoid further tension and conflict, and ensure stability and security to promote regional progress and prosperity.

Global security and peace

The Cabinet discussed and approved several important memorandums during the meeting.

Government Hospitals eliminate waiting lists for cochlear implant surgeries at Salmaniya Medical Complex

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In a significant healthcare achievement, Government Hospitals have successfully eliminated the waiting lists for cochlear implant surgeries at the Salmaniya Medical Complex, confirmed Her Excellency Dr. Mariam Adhbi Al Jalahma, Chief Executive Officer of Government Hospitals.

This milestone follows the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, who has emphasized the rapid completion of these critical procedures.

Dr. Al Jalahma expressed her gratitude for the unwavering support from His Royal Highness, noting that this achievement is a direct result of his commitment to enhancing healthcare services in the Kingdom of Bahrain. "This is a qualitative step in improving healthcare for citizens and reflects the ongoing efforts to raise the quality and efficiency of medical services," she said.

Quality of life

Cochlear implant surgeries are vital for individuals suffering from deafness or hearing impairment, and the success



Dr. Mariam Adhbi Al Jalahma

of these operations greatly enhances the quality of life for patients and their families. Since the beginning of 2024,



Total cost of cochlear implants, including the devices, surgery, and rehabilitation range from BD 18,000 to BD37,000.

23 cochlear implant surgeries have been performed, with a

total of 373 since the program's inception at Salmaniya Medical Complex. With the waiting lists now cleared, new patients can expect a waiting period of just one week after completing the necessary examinations.

The cochlear implant team at Salmaniya Medical Complex is composed of a highly skilled group of professionals, including surgeons, consultants, audiologists, balance specialists, speech therapists, social researchers, and psychologists. This comprehensive approach ensures that patients receive the highest standard of care throughout their treatment.

Royal visions for Bahrain success

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, affirmed that the far-reaching visions and directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa form the basis of advancing the Kingdom's sports sector.

He highlighted the remarkable accomplishments achieved by the youth and sports sectors, a testament to the unwavering efforts of Team Bahrain.

HRH Prince Salman was speaking as he met yesterday with the Second Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, His Excellency Shaikh Duaij bin Salman Al Khalifa, at Gudaibiya Palace.

The Minister of Finance and National Economy, H.E. Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa,



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister receives a memento from H.E. Shaikh Duaij bin Salman Al Khalifa

also attended the meeting.

Shaikh Duaij presented a book titled "The King, A Leader and Sports Pioneer" to His Royal Highness, a gesture that was also appreciated by His Majesty the King's Representative for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs, Chairman of the Su-

preme Council for Youth and Sports, His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

His Royal Highness commended the efforts in preparing the book, which contains four chapters on HM the King's involvement in the sports sector.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister expressed his gratitude for Shaikh Duaij's efforts in enhancing the Kingdom's sports sector through various programmes, initiatives, and strategies.

History

HRH Prince Salman stressed the importance of documenting the most prominent events in the Kingdom's sports history and shedding light on HM the King's ongoing support for Bahrain's sports sector and Bahraini talent.

The book will serve as a vital reference and a source of inspiration for future generations.

Shaikh Duaij expressed his gratitude for His Royal Highness' support in furthering the youth and sports sectors to meet the Kingdom's aspirations.

Bahrain Malayalee Business Forum (BMBF) Wins Award for Heat Relief Efforts



Bahrain Malayalee Business Forum (BMBF) and its Youth Wing were honoured with a prestigious award for their decade-long efforts in supporting workers at labour sites during extreme heat conditions. The award was presented by His Excellency Hassan Abdullah Al Madani, Deputy Governor of Capital Governorate, in the presence of Yusuf Yaqoob Lori, Director of Information & Follow-up at the Capital Governorate. The award was received on behalf of the BMBF and its Youth Wing by Patron Basheer Ambalayi.

Immense love and pride

Bahrain's Olympic medal winners receive spectacular reception from enthusiastic crowds



A red-carpet welcome for Olympic heroes

Kingdom athletes set sights on 2028 Olympics

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Bahrain's triumph at the Paris 2024 Olympics has set the stage for even bigger dreams as the Kingdom prepares for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics.

With over 12,000 athletes participating globally, Team Bahrain brought home two gold medals, one silver, and one bronze, a remarkable achievement that has placed Bahrain at the forefront of the international sports arena.

A grand reception was held at City Centre Bahrain last night to celebrate the historic win, where athletes were welcomed by enthusiastic crowds of citizens, residents, and representatives from various sports teams.

Bahrain's Olympic medal winners Winfred Mutile Yavi, Akhmed Tazhudinov, Salwa Eid



Olympic winners being greeted by The Daily Tribune and News of Bahrain team at City Centre Bahrain on Monday evening.

Naser, and Gor Tigran Minasyan received a hero's welcome from the adoring crowd.

The gathering was a spectacular show of support and pride, not only for the athletes but for Bahrain's growing prominence in global sports.

Team Bahrain's achievement has resonated across the GCC, symbolizing Bahrain's rise as a sporting powerhouse.

While many nations have invested

heavily to build Olympic-level athletes, Bahrain's success speaks to the exceptional skills, dedication, and determination of its sportsmen and women.

Public support

In an interview with The Daily Tribune reporter Hussain AlMaskati, Faris Al Kooheji, Secretary General of Bahrain's Olympic Committee, praised the outpouring of support from the public.



Gold medal winner Winfred Mutile Yavi posing for a picture with fans (Pictures by Anchalo Bensiger)

"We expected a strong turnout, but the crowd at this reception exceeded all expectations. It shows the immense love and pride the people have for Bahrain's Olympic medalists," he said. Looking ahead to the 2028 Olympics, Al Kooheji shared Bahrain's clear vision for continued success.

"Under the leadership of HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, new strategies have already been put

in place to achieve even greater success in Los Angeles. The leaders' vision and passion for uplifting the sporting arena with Team Bahrain is a remarkable achievement for the Kingdom."

Royal support

HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, His Majesty the King's Representative for Humanitarian Works and Youth Affairs and HH Shaikh



Faris Al Kooheji

Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, Chairman of the General Sports Authority, and President of the Bahrain Olympic Committee, under the patronage and guidance of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, have laid the foundation for Bahrain's next chapter in the world of sports.

As Bahrain steps confidently into its preparations for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics, the nation is united in its vision of greater achievements on the global sports stage.

"We expected a strong turnout, but the crowd at this reception exceeded all expectations. It shows the immense love and pride the people have for Bahrain's Olympic medalists."

- FARIS AL KOOHEJI, SECRETARY GENERAL OF BAHRAIN'S OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

Finger-severing attacker's appeal denied by court

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The High Appeals Court has upheld the sentence of an Asian man convicted of severing two fingers from a garage worker's hand during a fight. The defendant, who was initially sentenced to three years in prison followed by immediate deportation, will now serve his full sentence unless the Cassation Court overturns it.

The High Appeals Court heard the defendant's appeal, but ultimately decided to uphold the original ruling. The decision confirms the severity of the crime and the consequences for the defendant's actions.

The incident occurred in the Salmabad area on March 1st, 2024, when the victim was allegedly assaulted by the defendant. The victim stated, "I was just talking to him when he suddenly attacked me, hitting me in the chest and head. I tried to run into a nearby garage to escape, but he pulled me back and slammed the iron door shut on my right hand, severing two

of my fingers. He then continued to beat me before other workers intervened."

An Arab worker who witnessed the incident testified that he saw the victim talking to the defendant before the latter attacked him.

"The victim tried to run into a garage, but the defendant followed him and pulled him by his clothes while holding onto the edge of the iron door leading to the garage. The defendant then slammed the door on the victim's hand, causing him to fall to the ground," the Arab witness said, adding: "The defendant continued to assault the victim by

kicking him several times on his body. I noticed that the victim's hand was bleeding and that two of his fingers had been severed," he added.

During the investigation by the Public Prosecution, the defendant confessed to assaulting the victim. He stated that he had indeed slammed the iron door with great force while the victim's hand was on the edge of the door.

Change of heart

Saleh Al Sada withdraws appeal against two opponents in Muharraq's by-election

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Saleh Al Sada, a candidate for the first constituency in Muharraq Governorate, has withdrawn his appeal against his opponents in the upcoming by-election which will take place in September.

He announced his decision in a video posted on his Instagram account.

Al Sada initially filed an appeal against his opponents, former MP Hamad Al Kooheji and businessman Ebrahim Al Shaikh, due to concerns about their residency status.

He claimed that there were 25 electricity accounts registered under Al Kooheji's name, with nine of them active, and 24 active accounts under Al Shaikh's name. He wanted to verify these claims.

Al Sada had previously stated that he would appeal against two candidates if he decided to run.

However, he later stated that all candidates were from the Busaiteen area and that he would



Saleh Al Sada

not challenge anyone who was not from the area.

Despite this, Al Sada filed an appeal against Al Kooheji and Al Shaikh just before the closing of the supervisory centre for the by-election in Busaiteen.

He alleged that they were not residents of the constituency.

The committee rejected his appeal based on a statement by Dr Ali Al Shuwaikh, the head of the supervisory committee for the by-election.

Rejection

Al Sada's decision to withdraw his appeal comes after the



MP Hamad Al Kooheji



Saleh Al Sada had filed an appeal against the two candidates due to concerns about their residency status.

committee's rejection.

It remains unclear if he will



Ebrahim Al Shaikh

continue to contest in the by-election.

Eight candidates are running for the Muharraq's first constituency vacant seat, namely Ebrahim Al Shaikh, Dr Khawla Al Shamsi, Dr Nada bin Shams, Saleh Al Sada, former MP Hamad Al Kooheji, Abdulwahed Qarata, Abdulaziz Al Manaei, and Mallah Al Qahtani.

The by-election was triggered by the Court of Cassation's decision to revoke the membership of former MP Mohammed Al Hussaini due to his holding of dual citizenship, a violation of Bahraini electoral laws.

Student jailed and fined for misusing aunts' funds

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The High Appeals Criminal Court has upheld a six-month prison sentence and a BDL,000 fine for a 20-year-old student convicted of misappropriating funds from his two aunts.

The court found the student guilty of exploiting his aunts' vulnerability and transferring their money to his own account.

According to court records, the student was responsible for managing his aunts' finances due to their health conditions.

In 2020, he took one of his aunts to the bank and, with the assistance of a bank employee, had her sign documents.

In February 2023, when the aunts attempted to withdraw money, they were informed that the account of one aunt was empty.

Complaint

The second aunt contacted the student, who apologised and pleaded with her not to file a complaint for the sake of his future.

The bank also filed a complaint against the student, who initially claimed he would return the funds but failed to do so.

He later alleged that the money was transferred with



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the first aunt's consent through the "Benefit" mobile payment programme.

Mobile banking

However, the first aunt confirmed she did not have a Benefit account and was not familiar with mobile banking.

The second aunt, a 61-year-old retiree, testified that in February 2023, she and her sister went to the bank to withdraw money and were shocked to discover her sister's account was empty.

She confirmed that the transfers were made to the student's account and contacted him, demanding the return of the funds.

Despite his initial promises,

he delayed the repayment.

Testimony

A bank official testified that the first aunt had reported unauthorised withdrawals from her account.

Upon investigation, it was revealed that the funds were transferred to the student's account through the Benefit programme. The student's account was subsequently frozen.

Further investigation revealed that a new Benefit account was being registered monthly using the first aunt's phone number.

Subsequently, her monthly social security payment was being transferred to the student's account.

European woman murder case

Appeal hearing adjourned, defendant absent

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The High Appeals Court commenced its hearing of the appeal filed by the Bahraini man convicted of murdering a European woman and disposing of her body by burning it.

However, the defendant himself was absent from the proceedings, as the court adjourned the case to facilitate his transfer from prison.

The defendant, in his forties, has been sentenced to 35 years in prison for his crime.

The High Appeals Court is tasked with examining the case, particularly focusing on the defendant's intent and the weight of circumstantial evidence presented during the initial trial.

The defendant, who confessed to killing, burning, and burying the victim, had initially argued that he did not intend to kill her and was under the influ-

ence of alcohol and drugs, leading to a state of hallucination.

However, the High Criminal Court, presided by Judge Badier Abdulateef Mohammed Al Abdullah, rejected this claim and sentenced him to life imprisonment.

Intoxication

The High Appeals Court is expected to delve deeper into the defendant's claims of intoxication and lack of intent.

The court is also expected to scrutinise the weight of circumstantial evidence, as no physical remains of the victim were found.

The prosecution had relied heavily on the defendant's confession and the distress call made by the victim before her death.

The officer, who led the in-

vestigation and previously testified that no traces of the victim's body were found despite a search with police dogs, is expected to be called again to provide further insights.

Evidence

The defense team is likely to argue that the lack of physical evidence casts doubt on the prosecution's case and that the defendant's confession was made while intoxicated.

The outcome of the appeal remains uncertain.

The court's decision will hinge on its assessment of the defendant's intent, the reliability of his confession, and the weight of the circumstantial evidence presented.

The case has garnered significant attention in Bahrain, given that this is the first case where the victim's body is absent.

Nine face trial for human trafficking

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The Public Prosecution has referred nine individuals, including one fugitive with an international arrest warrant issued against her, to the High Criminal Court for human trafficking charges.

The investigation, led by the Public Prosecution's Anti-Human Trafficking Directorate, revealed that the suspects brought four foreign women to Bahrain under the pretense of employment.

However, they were subsequently held captive and forced to engage in illicit activities without their consent.

The suspects exploited the women's personal circumstanc-



es for financial gain.

The investigation included thorough inquiries, witness testimonies from the victims, and their placement in the National Committee for Combating Human Trafficking's shelter.

The court hearing for the case is scheduled for August 20, 2024.

This case highlights the ongoing efforts by the Bahraini authorities to combat human trafficking and protect vulnerable individuals.

The Public Prosecution's swift action and thorough investigation underscore their commitment to bringing perpetrators to justice.

MPs hail decision to lift spousal housing restriction

Mohammed Darwish

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MPs Mohsen Al Asbool, Jalila Al-Sayed, and Hisham Al Ashiri have praised the Cabinet's decision to eliminate the restriction that prevented

spouses from benefiting from inherited property when applying for housing assistance.

This approval of a proposal from the Minister of Housing and Urban Planning, Her Excellency Amna Al Rumaihi, aims to enhance housing services by

discarding the inherited property requirement and focusing solely on income for eligibility certificates.

The MPs noted that this adjustment aligns with the government's drive to refine regulations.

MP hails Cabinet decision on women's housing rights

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MP Dr. Maryam Al-Dhaen has welcomed the Cabinet's decision to allow women the right to housing even if they have inherited property, and said it achieves public interest.

She emphasized that this change, coupled with the review of monthly income requirements only at the time of granting a nomination certificate

rather than during allocation, is essential for advancing women's rights and ensuring the public interest.

Dr. Al-Dhaen highlighted that she had raised this issue during a session of the House of Representatives, presenting evidence from numerous cases where women were adversely affected by the current regulations.

The government's response, which came during a regular



MP Dr. Maryam Al-Dhaen

weekly meeting of the Council of Ministers chaired by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, underscores the leadership's commitment to addressing these concerns, the MP said.

The proposed change would allow women to secure their futures with inherited property without being barred from

accessing housing services, she added.

Dr. Al-Dhaen also pointed to recent decisions aimed at restructuring the eligibility criteria for women in housing applications, ensuring equality, and upholding women's rights.

This follows the introduction of a housing category specifically for divorced, abandoned, or widowed women without children, as well as single women

who have lost both parents, the MP stated.

"The housing sector has seen significant movement and development, a matter of pride given the complexity and overlap of the issues involved," Dr. Al-Dhaen remarked, underlining the importance of continued cooperation between legislative and executive authorities to achieve these goals.

Bahrain witnesses higher education enrollment boom

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New statistics released by the Higher Education Council of Bahrain reveal enrollment trends in private higher education institutions for 2023.

A total of 11,197 students from the Kingdom of Bahrain, the GCC, and outside the region were registered for studies in these institutions, compared to 14,550 students in 2022.

The figures highlight a strong interest from neighbouring Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries.

A total of 429 Saudi students, including 267 female and 162 male students, enrolled in private higher education institutions in Bahrain during 2023.

Kuwait followed closely with 212 students, including 131 female and 81 male students. Oman recorded 31 students, Qatar 10, and the UAE 8.

The statistics also show a significant number of non-GCC students enrolling in private higher education institutions in Bahrain, with 1,859 students registering. Of these, 986 were male and 873 were female.

In terms of GCC student enrollment in public higher education institutions, the statistics reveal a total of 1,907 students.

This includes 1,132 Saudi students (719 female and 413 male), 616 Kuwaiti students (438 female and 178 male), 152 Omani students (134 female and 18 male), 4 Qatari students, and 3 Emirati students.

From heirs to homeowners

Inherited property restrictions lifted for housing benefits

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New changes to housing policy have been announced, including the lifting of restrictions on wives using inherited property for benefits, a shift in income assessments to the nomination stage, and a streamlined property allocation process.

These adjustments are designed to improve housing availability and better address community needs, focusing on various aspects of housing access and fairness.

Her Excellency Amna Al Rumaihi, Minister of Housing and Urban Planning, confirmed that the Cabinet has approved the revised housing regulations.

The modifications remove the previous condition that prevented a wife from using inherited property for housing services. Income requirements will now be reviewed only when issuing a nomination certificate, rather than during the allocation phase.

This change aims to maintain consistency in housing requests while not altering criteria for the head of the family when the wife inherits property, thereby improving housing access for



H.E. Amna Al Rumaihi

different social groups.

Coordination

Ms. Al Rumaihi also noted that the Ministry has begun implementing these changes, following coordination between legislative and executive branches, a review of numerous cases, and feedback from the national proposals and complaints system, "Tawasul," customer service centres, and communication with MPs.

The Minister endorsed the Cabinet's decision to reorganise nomination certificates by restricting income reviews to before the certificate is issued.

This ensures that fluctuations in income will not affect the applicant during the allo-



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cation phase.

Additionally, the new rules specify that children over 21 listed in the application will not be considered if the applicant is a widow or divorcee with minor children. This change aims to address housing needs in such situations.

Ms. Al Rumaihi clarified that these updates to Decision No. (909) of 2015 are intended to offer better housing solutions for Bahraini families and enhance the services available to citizens.

Driving disaster

Eight fatalities in traffic accidents registered in Bahrain since June



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Bahrain has witnessed a concerning number of traffic accidents since June, resulting in the deaths of eight people.

The month of June saw three fatal accidents.

On June 10th, two separate incidents claimed the lives of three individuals in the Sakhr area.

The first accident involved a driver who was not paying attention, leading to the death of an Asian pedestrian.

The second accident involved two vehicles colliding head-on in Sakhr, resulting in the deaths of two Bahraini citizens.

On June 14th, a worker was killed while working on road development projects on Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman Highway near Jidhafs towards Manama.

Bus

The accident occurred when a bus veered off course and collided with the worker.

While July recorded no traffic fatalities, August has seen a number of deadly accidents.

On August 2nd, a young man died after his car collided with

Careless driving and a lack of regard for traffic laws frequently result in accidents, creating significant risks and hazards on roads.

another vehicle in the Hoor area.

The following day, a person died after their vehicle veered off the road and collided with a tree on Al Quds Avenue in Isa Town.

Casualty

Two days later, another person died after being hit by a car on King Hamad Highway near the Askar area.

On August 9th, a fatal accident involving two vehicles and a fire occurred on King Hamad Highway.

The young man driving one of the vehicles was involved in a collision with another vehicle traveling in the same direction.

Capital Governorate honours ILA for community service

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The Indian Ladies Association (ILA) announced that it has been recognized for its exceptional contribution to the Capital Governorate Volunteering Pass for the year 2024.

This prestigious honour highlights ILA's dedication to community service and social initiatives in Bahrain.

The award was graciously received by Hon. President Mrs. Kiran Mangle, Hon. Vice President Dr. Tejender Kaur Sarna, and Hon. Treasurer Ms. Sheetal Shah. His Excellency Hassan Abdullah Al Madani, Deputy Capital Governor, and Mr. Yousuf Lori, Director of Information and Follow-up, Capital Governorate, Kingdom of Bahrain, presented the award during a ceremony held at the Diwan Hub in Adliya.



Mrs. Kiran Mangle, Dr. Tejender Kaur Sarna and Ms. Sheetal Shah receive the award from Mr. Yousuf Lori

Energy and dedication

The event was marked by a warm and celebratory atmosphere, with attendees enjoying a networking session and refreshments following the ceremony.

The recognition serves as a testament to the continuous efforts of ILA to support and uplift the community.

"We are beyond thrilled to receive this award," said Mrs. Kiran Mangle. "This recognition inspires us to keep contributing to the community with renewed energy and dedication." ILA extends its heartfelt gratitude to all members, supporters, and partners who have played a role in this achievement.

Stage set for ICRF's new leadership nomination

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The Indian Community Relief Fund (ICRF), working under the patronage of the Ambassador of India to Bahrain, has announced the nomination of new office bearers.

Adv. V. K. Thomas has been nominated as the new Chairman, succeeding Dr. Babu Ramachandran, who has successfully completed a commendable three-year term in this leadership role.

Adv. Thomas, with his extensive experience and dedication to the community, is ready to lead ICRF in its continued mission to provide assistance and relief to those in need.

Alongside Adv. Thomas, the new executive team includes a dynamic mix of individuals who are equally committed to the cause.



Standing from left: Aneesh Sreedharan (General Secretary), Suresh Babu (Joint Secretary), Althea D'Souza Reeves (Joint Treasurer), Javad Pasha (Joint Secretary), Uday Shanbhag (Treasurer); Sitting from left: Prakash Mohan (Vice Chairman), Adv. V K Thomas (Chairman), Dr Babu Ramachandran (Advisor), Pankaj Nallur (Vice Chairman)

Pankaj Nallur and Prakash Mohan will serve as Vice Chairmen, Anish Sreedharan has been appointed as the General Secretary, and Uday Shanbhag will take on the role of Treasurer, ensuring the smooth financial management of ICRF's activities.

The positions of Joint Secretaries will be held by Suresh Babu and Javad Pasha, while Ms. Althea D'Souza Reeves has been entrusted with the role of Joint Treasurer.

Dr. Babu Ramachandran will continue to serve as an Advisor to the new team.

HRH CP, PM reaffirms Financial Sector Strength

Holds talk with NBB Chairperson, hails first female Leader in Bank's History

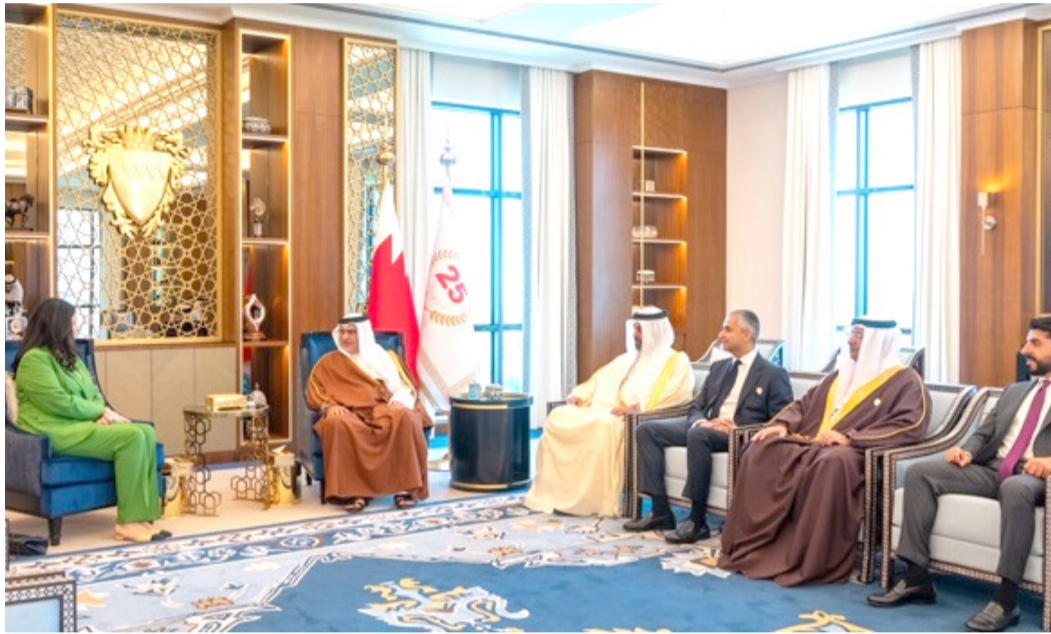
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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday held talks with the Chairperson of the National Bank of Bahrain (NBB), Hala Yateem, at Gudaibiya Palace.

His Royal Highness affirmed the Kingdom's commitment to enhance the performance of the financial and banking sector, in support of the Kingdom's comprehensive development, led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister highlighted that the Kingdom of Bahrain has a wealth of national banking experts who have enhanced the financial and banking sector and helped attract investments in the Kingdom.

His Royal Highness congratulated Chairperson Yateem on her election as Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the NBB, making her the first woman to hold this position since the establishment of the bank. In this regard, HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister wished her success in carry-



HRH CP, PM during talks with NBB's Hala Yateem at Gudaibiya Palace

ing out her duties. HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad highlighted the vital role Bahraini women play across various sectors, noting their achievements in the financial and banking sectors.

His Royal Highness underscored the efforts and implemented initiatives of local banks in advancing the Kingdom's competitiveness in the sector, in line with national develop-

ment goals.

For her part, Chairperson Yateem expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to meet with His Royal Highness, noting HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister's commitment to supporting the Kingdom's financial and banking sector in line with Bahrain's far-reaching economic aspirations.

Chairperson Yateem further extended gratitude to His Roy-

al Highness for congratulating her on her position, recognising the Kingdom's unwavering support to Bahraini citizens that has enabled them to excel across all sectors. The Minister of Finance and National Economy, Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, and the Chief Executive of Bahrain Economic Development Board, Khalid Ebrahim Humaidan, also attended the meeting.

Tamkeen supports wage increment of over 150 Bahraini employees at Midal Cables Company

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Tamkeen has announced support of the career development of over 150 Bahraini employees at Midal Cables Company. This support comes through the Wage Increment Program, which covers up to 20% of the salary increases for employees for two years.

Midal Cables is one of the leading Bahraini companies in the aluminum manufacturing industry, with 47 years of experience in producing rods, wires, and electrical cables for transmitting electricity worldwide. The company exports its products to more than 60 countries, including the United States and Europe.

On this occasion, Maha Abdulhameed Mofeez, Tamkeen Chief Executive, expressed her pleasure at this fruitful collaboration and praised, saying: "This support will encourage local talents to strive for excellence and work diligently to advance the growing manufacturing sector in the



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Kingdom. The manufacturing sector contributed 13% to the GDP in 2023, making it the second largest contributor to the national economy after the financial services and insurance sector.

In addition, the Group Chief Executive of Midal Cables Khaled Abdul Latif added "We look forward to promoting our employees in the upcoming period by benefiting from Tamkeen's career development support programs. This will lead to increased employee loyalty and productivity, which will positively impact the company's revenues and output in the long term".

Zain Bahrain announces first mega contest 6 winner



The award ceremony

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Zain Bahrain has celebrated the first winner for its Mega Contest Season 6, which is running until May 15, 2025. The lucky winner Said Attaoui received a brand-new Audi A3 car.

Zain Bahrain customers can secure a free entry to the

upgrading, or renewing their current plan with Zain, which encompasses Fiber, Postpaid, Home Broadband, Mobile Broadband, and Prepaid plans. Customers can also increase their chances of winning by subscribing to the Zain Mega Contest. For only 0.250 BHD per day, participants get to answer five daily questions and will get 100MB of free data.

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The Riyadh Recruitment Expo! Discover Your Dream Career—Register Today!

● The Expo will feature participants from the Riyadh Business Accelerator Programme and Bahrain's startup community.

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Riyada Business Accelerator Programme, supported by Tamkeen and Salica Investments (formerly Hambro Perks), announced Riyadh Recruitment Expo. It will be held on August 21, 2024, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at HQ by Hope in Seef Mall. This event aims to connect startups with talented tech professionals to facilitate recruitment.



The Expo will feature participants from the Riyadh Business Accelerator Programme and Bahrain's startup community. Startups like Numuw, IndieSouq, ArabiQuest, Procode, Sellou, Travilege, Siin, Ckam, Malaeb, and Portion will be present, offering more than 21 job opportunities in tech and non-tech fields. Attendees can network with industry experts, interact with startups, and explore career options within Bahrain's tech industry.

Zainab Khamis, Managing

Director of the programme, shared, "The Riyadh Recruitment Expo is more than just a hiring event—it's a key step in our vision to position Bahrain as a leading tech hub in the region. This expo offers startups the talent they need to fuel their growth, while professionals have the chance to be part of Bahrain's dynamic and innovative journey. Together, we're building a future where Bahrain is at the forefront of global tech innovation."

Working at a startup gives young graduates an unparalleled learning experience. It's not just a job—it's a crash course in entrepreneurship, where you dive headfirst into real-world projects that make a tangible impact. Startups thrive in dynamic, fast-paced environments

where every day brings new challenges and opportunities. You'll wear multiple hats, gaining diverse skills and insights that would take years to acquire in a traditional setting. For those eager to fast-track their career, a startup is the perfect launchpad, offering the chance to grow alongside the company and shape its future.

If you are a tech enthusiast whether you're a pro, student, or on the job hunt, this is your chance to connect with cutting-edge startups and industry trailblazers. Don't miss out! Want more details? Reach out to Maryam Alsaegh at maryam.alsaegh@springvs.io. Job seekers, sign up here to join the action.

Join us at the Riyadh Recruitment Expo and be a part of Bahrain's growing tech landscape.

Libya central bank resumes operations after abducted official's release

AFP | Tripoli, Libya

Libya's central bank said yesterday it was resuming its operations following the release of a bank official who had been abducted earlier.

The Central Bank of Libya announced in a statement that it was "resuming operations" after the release of Musab Msallem, its head of information technology, "and his safe return".

Msallem was abducted from his house Sunday morning by an



"unidentified group", the bank had said, adding it would "suspend all operations" until his release.

The bank had also called for an "end to these practices" and

blamed "unlawful parties" that "threaten the safety of its employees and the continuity of the banking sector's work".

Msallem's abduction came a week after the central bank's headquarters in Tripoli was besieged by armed men, before they dispersed, according to reports. Local media said they did so in an attempt to force the resignation of the bank's governor, Seddik al-Kabir.

In office since 2012, Kabir has faced criticism -- including from



Home to 6.8 million people, Libya has struggled to recover from years of conflict after the 2011 NATO-backed uprising that overthrew longtime dictator Moamer Kadhafi. It remains divided between a UN-recognised government based in the capital Tripoli and led by Dbeibah and a rival administration in the east, backed by military strongman Khalifa Haftar.

figures close to Prime Minister Abdulhamid Dbeibah -- over the management of Libya's oil resources and the state budget.

During a meeting last week in

Tunisia with US Ambassador to Libya Richard Norland, Kabir said there were "growing threats to the security" of the bank and its employees. Norland later said

in a post on X that attempts to oust Kabir were "unacceptable" and warned that replacing him "by force can result in Libya losing access to international financial markets".

Norland said the confrontation in Tripoli "highlights the ongoing risks posed by the political stalemate in Libya".

Msallem's abduction came as rising tensions between rival factions have stirred fears of a broader escalation in recent weeks.

BRAVE CF 85 thrills Lahore

Bahrain's BRAVE CF makes history with India vs Pakistan MMA bouts and big wins for Bahraini fighters

● **Bekbolat upsets Solomanov in main event**

● **Rizwan Ali defeats Srikant Sekhar in co-main event**

● **Zia Mashwani wins first-ever India vs. Pakistan MMA fight in Pakistan**

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BRAVE Combat Federation made a historic return to Pakistan on Sunday night with BRAVE CF 85 in Lahore, marking the first-ever India vs. Pakistan MMA fights in the country and two big wins for Bahraini athletes.

In the Featherweight main event, Kazakhstan's Rauan Bekbolat delivered the biggest upset of the evening by submitting Omar Solomanov in the third round, ending the Ukrainian's 11-fight winning streak. Bekbolat, who secured a guillotine choke to get the win, became the new number one contender in the Featherweight division and extended his own winning streak to five fights.

The co-main event featured an intense India vs. Pakistan showdown between Srikant Sekhar and Rizwan Ali. Srikant controlled much of the first two rounds with top position, while Rizwan countered with strikes from the bottom and two submission attempts in the second round. Both fighters appeared fatigued in the third round, but Rizwan managed to drop Srikant with a powerful right hand, se-



Rizwan Ali celebrates after his win for Pakistan against India

curing the victory. Srikant was carried out on a stretcher as Rizwan celebrated inside the cage.

Eliezer Kubanza earned his third consecutive first-round finish in BRAVE CF by knocking out Salamat Orozakunov with heavy punches. After the fight, Kubanza, who remained undefeated and extended his record to 6-0, expressed his desire to face Alex Lohoré next.

In the first-ever India vs. Pakistan MMA fight on Pakistani soil, Zia Mashwani submitted Indian MMA veteran Bharat Khandare

in the first round. Mashwani was aggressive from the start, locking in a triangle choke after a scramble, securing his place in history.

Ismail Khan made a strong debut in BRAVE CF by submitting Kazakh World Wrestling Championship medallist Bagylan Zakhansha in the second round. Following his win, Ismail called for an India vs. Pakistan matchup in his next BRAVE CF fight.

Lasha Abramishvili also made an impressive promotional de-



Murad Guseinov reacts after his victory

but, stopping Muhammad Idrisov in the second round, while Marwin Quirante delivered a highlight-reel front kick knockout against Pakistan's Aqib Awan within seconds of their Flyweight bout.

Representing both Bahrain and Pakistan, Abbas Khan returned to BRAVE CF with a dominant performance, defeating Adham Mohamed by unanimous decision after controlling the clinch across three rounds.

Bahrain's own Murad Guseinov continued his unde-

feated streak by quickly finishing Ruslan Serikpulov with a first-round TKO via ground and pound, securing his eighth straight win.

Mojtaba Nasiri kicked off the night by securing the first-ever Von Flue choke in BRAVE CF history, submitting Yuki Angdembe, the first Nepalese fighter to compete in the promotion. This

was Nasiri's fifth consecutive submission win and his second victory in BRAVE CF.

BRAVE CF 85 was the organization's fifth event of the year, following shows in Slovenia, Mauritius, the Netherlands, and China. The next event from the organization, BRAVE CF 86, is scheduled for August 24 in Bulgaria.



BRAVE CF 85 featured the first-ever India vs. Pakistan MMA fights in Pakistan, with Zia Mashwani submitting Indian veteran Bharat Khandare in the first round, making history

BRAVE CF 85 Results:

Featherweight: Rauan Bekbolat def. Omar Solomanov (66kg) via Submission - Round 3

Lightweight: Rizwan Ali def. Srikant Sekhar via KO - Round 3

Super Welterweight: Eliezer Kubanza def. Salamat Orozakunov via TKO (punches) - Round 1

Flyweight: Ismail Khan def. Bagylan Zakhansha via submission (rear-naked choke) - Round 2

Bantamweight: Lasha Abramishvili def. Muhammad Idrisov via TKO (Punches) - Round 2

Bantamweight: Zia Mashwani def. Bharat Khandare via submission (triangle choke) - Round 1

Flyweight: Marwin Quirante def. Aqib Awan via KO (front kick) - Round 1

Super Lightweight: Abbas Khan def. Adham Mohamed via unanimous decision (3x30-27)

Super Lightweight: Murad Guseinov def. Ruslan Serikpulov via TKO (punches) - Round 1

Bantamweight: Mojtaba Nasiri def. Yuki Angdembe via submission (von flue choke) - Round 3



Abbas Khan celebrates his win



Bahrain junior handball team

Bahrain junior handball team falls short against Egypt in key qualifier preparation

Hussain Almaskati
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Bahrain's junior handball team was narrowly defeated 31-35 by Egypt's junior squad in their final preparation match for the 2025 Asian World Cup qualifiers.

In the 1st half, Bahrain and Egypt battled closely, with both teams exchanging goals and maintaining a tight scoreline. The 2nd half

saw a continuation of the fierce competition. Bahrain fought hard to regain control, but Egypt's tactics and execution allowed them to extend their lead. Despite a strong effort from Bahrain, Egypt secured a 35-31 victory.

Despite Bahrain's efforts, Egypt's squad came out on top, demonstrating a high level of skill and strategic play. The loss, while disappointing, provides valuable insights and ex-

perience as Bahrain prepares for the upcoming qualifiers.

The Bahrain handball juniors will use this experience to refine their strategies and improve their performance as they set their sights on the 2025 Asian World Cup qualifiers. With a focus on strengthening their game, the team remains determined to rise to the challenge and achieve success on the global stage.

Sabalenka ousts No.1 Swiatek to reach Cincinnati final against Pegula

AFP | Cincinnati

Aryna Sabalenka squandered nine match points but defeated world number one Iga Swiatek 6-3, 6-3 on Sunday, breaking through to her first final at the WTA and ATP Cincinnati Open.

Four-time Cincinnati semi-finalist Sabalenka will rise to second in the WTA rankings with a week to go before the start of the US Open.

"I finally broke the barrier," Sabalenka said of her place in the final. "It was such a tough battle with Iga, and we also had to be patient with the weather."

Raindrops required the court lines to be dried by towels during several short interruptions.

Sabalenka will play the final against US sixth seed Jessica Pegula, a 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 winner over Spain's Paula Badosa.

Pegula, who won last week's Toronto title, is the third American in the Open Era to reach the Canadian and Cincinnati finals in the same year after Rosie Casals (1970) and Serena Williams (2013).

Sabalenka had a battle on her hands to close out her win, with Swiatek putting up a huge battle in the closing stages.



Aryna Sabalenka celebrates her winning match point

Third-ranked Sabalenka led 5-1 in the second set but Swiatek

showed why she is ranked atop the WTA table as she repeatedly saved match-winners from her opponent.

Sabalenka was broken for 5-3 but finally claimed the hard-fought victory a game later with a concluding break of Swiatek on a return winner on her 10th match point after nearly two hours.

"That was a brilliant performance from me. I'm really happy with the win, especially against Iga," said Sabalenka.

"We always have tough battles and get this win in straight sets... that's kind of like achievement for me."

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Bahrain U15 heroes clinch Gulf title

Dominant 70-58 win over Kuwait crowns Bahrain U15 Gulf basketball champions

- **Bahrain controls game from the start, leading from the first quarter**
- **Stellar defense shuts down Kuwait's comeback attempts**
- **Offense shines, reflecting rigorous training and teamwork**

Hussain Almaskati
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Bahrain's U15 basketball team has ushered in a new era of champions, adding



Action from the game



The victorious Bahrain U15 basketball team is a product of the HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa Golden Generation League, highlighting the success of Bahrain's youth sports development initiatives

to the nation's overwhelming sporting success this year. A proud product of the HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa Golden Generation League has claimed a resounding win over Kuwait with a score of 70-58 in the U15 Gulf Championship final in Qatar. From the opening whistle, Bahrain's young stars took control of the court, flaunting the skills and teamwork that have become the hallmark of the Golden Generation. The first quarter set the tone, with Bahrain establishing an early lead, never looking back. Despite Kuwait's attempts to mount a comeback, Bahrain's defense remained impenetrable, and their offense was relentless. As the game progressed, Bahrain's players continued to outshine their opponents, proving their ability to perform under pressure. Every basket was a testament to the rigorous training and unwavering spirit of the team. By the final quarter, it was clear that Bahrain was on the path to victory, with the team closing the game with a decisive massive lead. This victory is more than just a win; it's a statement. Bahrain's junior team has proven that they are a force to be reckoned with, not only in the Gulf region but on the broader international stage. As they continue their journey, the future looks bright for Bahrain's basketball, with these young champions leading the way.

Bahraini fighters rule the mat in Saudi Jiu-Jitsu Series finale



Khalid Al Asad
Hussain Almaskati
TDT | Manama

Bahrain's Elements Jiu-Jitsu Academy showed an extraordinary level of skill and determination at the final round of the Saudi Jiu-Jitsu Federation Series 2024, held in Riyadh. The event saw Bahraini athletes dominating the mats, bringing home an impressive collection of medals and elevating Bahrain's reputation in the martial arts world. In the U77kg category (purple belt - adults), Mahmoud Al



Abdullah Al Shaikh
Najjar struck gold, displaying exceptional technique and resilience. His victory was followed by his teammate, Mohamed Al Najjar, who secured the silver in the same category, demonstrating the depth of talent at Elements Jiu-Jitsu Academy. Joining him in victory, Salman Khalafan secured a gold medal in the U69kg category (purple belt - adults). Danial Al Zeera also captured a bronze medal in the U77kg category (white belt - adults), rounding off Bahrain's remarkable haul.



Ahmed Al Aseeri
Meanwhile, in the women's division, Alaa Salah earned a gold medal in the +70kg (blue belt) category and also captured bronze in the open category, further solidifying her status as one of Bahrain's top female fighters. Abdullah Al Shaikh came out on top in the blue belt category, clinching gold in the U62kg (adults) division.



Alaa Salah
in the U73kg category (white belt - juniors), while Ahmed Maytham earned a silver medal in the U60kg category (blue belt - juniors). Ahmed Al Aseeri also earned a silver medal in the U61kg category (grey belt - juniors). The achievements of our youth highlight the promising future of Bahraini jiu-jitsu. With multiple gold, silver, and bronze medals, Bahrain's martial artists continue to bring honor to their nation, proving that they are a force to be reckoned with on the international stage.

Young Talent Rising

The academy's juniors also made their mark. Khalid Al Asad collected his gold medal

A night of glory for KHK Team Bahrain fighters



Abbas Khan

Ali Safar

Hussain Almaskati
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KHK Team Bahrain's Ali Safar made an unforgettable debut at the first-ever Arab Fight Night Muay Thai event under the Arab Muay Thai Federation in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

Safar's remarkable performance secured a decisive victory, marking a powerful start to his Muay Thai career. His win highlights his potential and sets a high bar for future performances.

KHK Team Bahrain's Murat Gusenov extended his flawless professional MMA record to an impressive 8-0 with another victory at Brave CF 85 in Lahore, Pakistan. Gusenov's relentless pursuit of excellence in the ring is a testament to his dedication and the rigorous training that defines KHK Team Bahrain. His continued dominance in the MMA world makes him a fighter to watch as he climbs the ranks.



Murat Gusenov

KHK Team Bahrain's Abbas Khan also impressed in Lahore, improving his professional MMA record to 7-3 with a solid victory at Brave CF 85. Khan's win adds to the team's overall success, reflecting the strength and depth of talent within KHK Team Bahrain.

Bahrain Olympic Committee welcomes bodybuilding champions

Hussain Almaskati
TDT | Manama

The Bahrain Olympic Committee extended a warm welcome to the national bodybuilding team upon their return, following their remarkable achievements at the West Asian Championship held in the Sultanate of Oman.

The team brought home five medals: two golds, one silver, and two bronzes.

On Sunday, August 18, the champions were greeted at Bahrain International Airport by Hisham Al-Blooshi,

Director of the Sports Federations Department, and several representatives from the Bahrain Bodybuilding Federation.

The athletes were honored with a reception full of flowers



BOC officials with the national bodybuilding team

and appreciation for their impressive performances.

Mohammed Bukhlaf clinched the gold in the Classic Physique category and was crowned "Champion of Champions,"

while Jaffar Al Mughani earned the gold in the Master Bodybuilding category.

Abdullah Al Mansour secured the silver medal in the Physique category, and Ali

Ibrahim Kuwayed won the bronze in the Junior Bodybuilding category. Elias Abdulrasul also took home the bronze in the Junior Physique category.

Sinner edges past Zverev to meet Tiafoe in Cincinnati final

AFP | Cincinnati

Jannik Sinner ended his losing streak against Alexander Zverev with a 7-6 (11/9), 5-7, 7-6 (7/4) win on Sunday to set up a final in the Cincinnati Open against American Francis Tiafoe.

The world number one had lost four of five previous matches against the German, with his only win coming at Roland Garros four years ago.

The tight victory took more than three hours not including a rain interruption. The



Jannik Sinner

match was paused midway through the first-set tiebreaker for nearly 30 minutes while a shower passed over the area -- another episode of the poor weather which has plagued the event in recent days.